

**Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice  
for the  
Construction of a Family Fishing Pond at Troy, Montana**

October 25, 2001

**Project proposal:**

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) proposal:

The proposed action is to excavate an urban fishing pond, and install an inflow pipe and water control structure in the old St. Regis mill pond area. The pond will be stocked with trout to provide a youth fishing area. The entire project will be incorporated into an informational park for aquatic and plant ecology at the Troy recreational area.

**Site Location and Biological Characteristics**

Lincoln County, SE ¼ of SW ¼ SECTION 1, T31N, R33W

**Project Justification**

Lincoln County; Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks; and Bonneville Power Administration Mitigation Program propose to enhance fishing and educational opportunities for families on land located at the Troy recreational area near Troy, Montana. With the assistance of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, the group proposes to excavate approximately 22,000 cubic yards of material from an open field to create an environment suitable for providing fishing opportunities for young anglers in Troy, Montana. Approximately 4,200 yards of cut material will be used to construct a levee, and fill and level a skating pond.

**Environmental Impacts of Project**

No adverse effects to plants, adult amphibians, reptiles, birds, or mammals are anticipated. Fill material will temporarily cover idle ground during initial stages of the proposed project. Reseeding, sod transplants, and weed control will help mitigate disturbance at excavation and stockpile locations. The entire pond will be constructed in the dry.

**Social Impacts of Project**

None.

**Public Involvement**

An EA was submitted for internal review by FWP in January 2001. Public comment was initiated February 9, 2001, through notice to local newspapers, FWP News Release, State Bulletin Board, and distribution of the draft Environmental Assessment. The comment period ended in March 11, 2001.

One comment was received in response to the news release during the comment period. This response addressed concern with potential water contamination from a creosote wood treatment plant, located near the project area. After interviewing the city officials of Troy, we concluded that there was no threat of creosote contamination because the treatment plant was not in close proximity to the proposed pond.

### Decision Notice

Based on the comments and agreements reached through explanation of our plans, I recommend that we implement plans to construct the Troy Pond.

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Date